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State Dept., CIA Sharp on Red Peril Bing Says After Pentagon Navy Duty

The global Cold War is a lot hotter than most people think, Burlington Mayor Bing said Tuesday, but the U.S. State Department and the nation's intelligence forces have a keen awareness of the nature and techniques of the Communist threat.

Bing returned to Burlington after a two-week tour of active duty with the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C., where he was Lt. Bing of the Naval Reserve.

He said he received excellently prepared courses on Communist strategy around the world and intensive briefings

on how the U.S. is meeting the Red threat.

"It was a little bit alarming to discover what the Cold War is really about," the mayor said. "It is not very assuring to learn how little most people really know about Communist strategy."

But, Bing added, he was pleased with the knowledge of Red strategy and personnel that has been compiled by the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Burlington's mayor was also high on what he called the "vast store of knowledge" of the Cold War and world affairs that is held by Sen. George D. Aiken, R-Vt.

"I met with Sen. Aiken while I was in Washington," Bing said, "and he demonstrated a knowledge in depth of what is going on — about what is happening and about who is doing it."

Bing attended classes with other military officers from the various services during his tour of active duty. The classes were held in the State Department Annex.

He said his classes received lectures from State Department representatives as well as from spokesmen from the CIA and FBI. Much of the information was classified, Bing said, and dealt with Red techniques and supporters in the world's hot spots.

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